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ELBA RESCUE SQUAD IN NEED OF DAYTIME HELP

Citywide cleanup underway in Elba

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The City of Elba has revised a program to clean up the town by working with owners of delapidated buildings to get them cleaned up or removed.

At Monday's city council meeting Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood joined the Chamber of Commerce in pushing the project forward.

City offices will not methods officials have to enforce requirements to maintain properties. However, plans are to first work with the property owner for voluntary compliance.

Steve Culver, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Director Barbara Hudson told the council the Chamber was willing to work with community leaders to clean up Elba. She noted there were a number of

old buildings in town which were beyond repair. "We want them torn down. People coming into Elba see some of the unlivable buildings and form an impression of our town front," he said.

Major Ricky Haywood said, "We had a bad problem. Previously, we didn't have the proper equipment (to haul off the trash), now we do."

He explained that the rescue squad has printed surveys as a way for citizens to report problems. The mayor said this will be reported to the respective council member for that district, who will in turn present the complaint to the city clerk for action.

Haywood said the city was as guilty as anyone else but has started cleaning up all city owned property, including the old school property.

Junior Culver addressed the city council and talked about an abandoned house "we have to look at every day." He observed that, "The law is Alabamaland, the City of Elba, there's something you'll hear about it." Haywood urged him to file one of the prepared forms with his council member. As the meeting adjourned, Culver could be seen filing one of the complaint forms with the night.

In other action the council heard Ray Kyle, captain of the Elba Rescue Squad report the squad needs help.

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Vaughan announced he had worked out an agreement with attorneys for the family and the city will have to only pay \$85,000. This will be divided into three annual payments, according to the agreement.

The first payment is due within 90 days, the second in one year and the final check is due one year later. There will be no interest accrued on the balance due.

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For the third year in the history of the Athens State College Alumni Association, the Alumni 25-Year Club (individuals who graduated 25 years ago) will be honored during the Summerfest activities. The honoree or Class of 1970 is the Class of 1970. Honorees to be recognized during the Summerfest activities are classes of 1925, 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, and 1995.

In addition to members of the honor classes, World War II Veterans who graduated in 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, and 1959, will be recognized at a special program at 4:00 p.m. in Griffin Auditorium of McCandless Hall. Families of the veterans are also invited to attend.

Registration for Friday, July 28, 1995, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., there will be registration in the Parlor of Founders Hall, with the "Welcome Back Social" for the Class of 1970 and the Alumni Board of Directors scheduled at 6:00 p.m. Honorees and their families and Mrs. Jerry Bartlett, in Athens.

The Saturday morning activities will begin in Founders Hall at 8:00 a.m., with registration for the Golf and Tennis Competition, which will start at 9:00 a.m. Participants are invited to tour the Space Center and go on the Shopping Spree at Madison Mall, will also meet at 9:00 a.m. (pre-registration is required).

Starting at 1:00 p.m., registration, open house, and campus tours (every hour on the hour) will take place. Bridge Competition begins at 1:00 p.m.

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The Mulberry District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union will be held Saturday, August 5, 1995, 9:00 a.m. at the "Welcome Back Social" for the Class of 1970 and the Alumni Board of Directors scheduled at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Artie S. Johnson, moderator.

Rev. Avery Headly, pastor of Miller's Chapel Baptist Church, Conyers, GA and co-pastor of Mount Nebo Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, will be the evangelist for the week.

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Social Notes

Miss Richards and Mr. Thompson announce wedding plans



Miss Richards

Mr. and Mrs. James Richards of Elba, AL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela Louise Richards, to Corey Lynd Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bibb Thompson of Troy, AL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Hubert Dease of New Hope, AL, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Richards of Elba, AL. She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thompson of Troy, AL, the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimes of Elba, AL. He is employed at C and C Paint Company.

The wedding will be held July 29, 1995 at 3:00 p.m., at Elba Church of God, 1049 Reese Street, Elba, AL.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Elba Elementary School Parents' Night planned for Aug. 17th

All parents of Elba Elementary School students enrolled in grades one through six are urged to attend Parents' Night to be held in Elba Elementary School's cafeteria on Thursday, August 17, 1995, 7:00 p.m. New board policies concerning discipline and behavior will be the topic of discussion.

Miss Guelde & Mr. Presley announce wedding plans



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Mrs. Eugene R. Guelde and Mrs. Linda Craft Guelde, both of Athens, AL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Lynn, to Cameron Earl Presley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny E. Presley of Athens, AL.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Guelde of Athens, AL. She is a graduate of East Limestone High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Athens State College. She is employed at Wm. Dixie as an assistant bookkeeper.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Myra White and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Presley, all of Beloit Springs, TN. He is a graduate of Athens High School and will graduate from the University of Alabama in December 1995 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He is employed at Avex Electronics as a process engineer.

The wedding will be held August 5, 1995 at Noojin House in Huntsville, AL.

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Robert Bryant Hudson & Kelly Jean Hargett united in holy matrimony



Mrs. Robert Bryant Hudson

The Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina, was the setting for the marriage of Kelly Jean Hargett of Rock Hill, SC, and Robert Bryant Hudson of Elba, Alabama, on Saturday, July 15, 1995. The 6:00 p.m. ceremony was followed by a reception at the Meadow Lakes II Clubhouse.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. Paul Ronald Hargett and the late Mr. Paul Ronald Hargett, of Rock Hill, SC, is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. She has been employed as a secretary at Hargett's Telephone Contractors, Inc., Rock Hill, SC.

The bridegroom, Robert Bryant Hudson, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Feltner, both of Elba, AL. He is a retired Entomologist of Elba, AL, and a graduate of Troy Junior College and is a graduate of Troy State University. He has been employed as a real estate agent with Total Realty, Inc., in Rock Hill, SC.

Rob and Kelly have been employed with Opryland as entertainers for the last three years in Myrtle Beach, SC. They are presently writing their own songs and preparing for a career in music in Nashville, Tennessee.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Paul Ronald Hargett, Jr., of Rock Hill, SC.

Other attendees were: Ms. Shannon Michelle Hargett of Rock Hill, sister of the bride, maid of honor; and Dr. Michelle Griffin Archer of Columbia, SC, and Mrs. Gretta McConnell Neal of Rock Hill, SC, maid of honor; Bridesmaids were Mrs. Audrae Hargett of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Mrs. Caroline Street Fogle of Gray, TN, Ms. Regina Rose Hudson, sister of the groom, of Birmingham, AL, Miss April Elizabeth Deas and Miss Amanda Hope Doh of Rock Hill, SC, maid of honor; and Mrs. Linda Hargett and Miss Lauren Elliott Hargett and Miss Anna Katherine Hargett of Rock Hill, SC, nieces of the bride, and Miss Jessie Lynn Poteat of Charlotte, North Carolina. Flower girl was Miss Kathryn Mellion Hayes of Rock Hill, SC.

The best man was the bridegroom's father, Mr. Bobby Feltner of Elba, AL.

Groomsmen were Mr. Douglas Edward Hall of Rock Hill, SC, Mr. Clark Martin Archer of Columbia, SC, Mr. Eddie Carroll Vaughan of Panama City, FL, Mr. William Crawford, Mr. Robert Clayton Hickman, Jr., Mr. Derek Channing Young, and Mr. James Elton Grimes, Jr., all of Rock Hill, SC. Junior groomsman were: Jeffrey Steven Poteat of Charlotte, NC and Mr. Justin Caleb Cooper of York, SC.

Mrs. James Elwin Grimes of Elba, AL, directed the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. and Mrs. J. C. Hargett of Rock Hill, SC. The wedding ceremony was performed by Dr. Robert J. Robinson of Rock Hill, SC. Guitarist was Mr. Phillip Jeffrey Barrett of Rock Hill, SC. Guest book attendant was Miss Jennifer Petroff.

At the conclusion of the exchange of vows and lighting of the unity candle, Rob and Kelley sang their special request of "Keeper of the Stars."

As the newly weds exited the church, the bride presented yellow roses to her mother and the mother of the groom. The groom then returned and escorted his mother from the church.

The happy couple was then taken to the reception at the Meadow Lakes II Clubhouse in a horse-drawn carriage. Over 500 guests enjoyed the reception in the church and outside under the huge tent. A band provided music during the reception and for the special requested vocals by Rob and Kelly, ending with "Sweet Home Alabama". The couple then left on horseback for a picnic at Atlanta. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the newlyweds will reside in Nashville, TN.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. James Grimes and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kelley and Mona, Ms. Casey Kelley, Miss Kristy Owsley, Miss Karen Hargett, Mrs. Linda Spurlock, Mr. Fred Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, Ms. Peggy Lewis, Ms. Lucia Grantham, Reese and Neil, Mrs. Ronni Young, Mrs. Tom Dyess, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Henderson, and Miss Christy Bane, all of Elba, AL; Mr. and Mrs. John and Mrs. Colleen Me and Mrs. Q. P. Hudson of Newland, NC, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Danzey and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Culverhouse, Jr., of Montgomery, AL; and Mr. and Mrs. John Green of Atlanta, GA; Mrs. Melinda Vaughan of Myrtle Beach, FL.

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Kelly Richard was 9 years old her birthday with family and friends and received many nice gifts.

Kelly is the daughter of Joyce and Allen Richard of Elba. Grandparents are Quida Grimes of Elba and the late Gladys Richard of Enterprise and the late J.W. Richards.

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The judge thanked the commissioners for their willingness to work toward a solution in this matter.

Blair told them that after action, if any is taken by the state he would probably have to appear before the commission again.

Bob DeVaughan, who is with the Forestry Service, presented a request for funds to purchase three items.

He told commissioners that a balance of \$1,166 remained in the funds appropriated in last year's budget. This would not cover the cost of the items being requested.

Commissioners approved DeVaughan's request for a gasoline powered lawn edger, an electric shop fan and a customized painting shield at a total cost of \$790.00.

Commissioner Tindell submitted a request from Max Hand, who is with Cross Trails Regional Library, that \$10,000 be appropriated in next year's budget. In FY-95, \$5,000 was appropriated to the libraries.

Hand noted that of the \$10,000, half of the amount would be divided between the Elba and Enterprise public libraries.

Peggy Samuels, librarian at the Enterprise Public Library, urged the

commission to honor Hand's request.

"Your support is needed if we are going to continue to provide the many free services that we offer now to the citizens of Coffee County," said Samuels.

Commissioner Chairman Lawrence Creel commented that the commission was just beginning the budget process, and that they would consider the request by the library services.

During the general business session of the commission, County Engineer Jim Tindell reported that the county's resurfacing projects are 95 percent complete. He hopes to have the end of the week they will be 95 percent complete.

Tindell said that work should begin on the bridge replacement on the Tellico River Road, & also on

County Administrator Wilson Mobley presented a request from an employee, who had foot surgery, for approval to "borrow" sick leave from a fellow employee.

The commission, several months ago, approved a policy which allowed fellow employees to donate their sick leave time to another employee who was experiencing a cat-

astrophic illness.

Creel, during a discussion of the employee's request, commented that the policy was creating more problems than was anticipated by its adoption.

He made a motion that the commission consider the policy. Hanmer seconded the motion and commissioners with the exception of Commissioner Robert Stephens favored the motion.

Mobley commented that the commission had voted in November of 1994 to revise the county's personnel policy. He wanted to know what the commission's pleasure was on this matter.

The commission paid Auburn University \$10,000 to review the county's personnel policy and make a recommendation on revising it.

According to Creel and Mobley, the University's recommendation on proposed policy changes, was sent to the county's liability insurance carrier for review.

The commission completed their review, they recommended that the proposed changes not be adopted by the commission.

Creel asked if anyone had a motion to that effect. After receiving no comment from any of the commissioners, he stated that the county would continue using the "blue book" and interpret it as problems arise.

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Violent crime response team available to area law enforcement agencies

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Law enforcement agencies in central and southeast Alabama now have a new weapon to add to their crime-fighting arsenals: Alabama Violent Crime Response Team (AVCRT).

The pilot program, implemented by the departments of Public Health and Forensic Sciences and made possible by a Law Enforcement Planning grant, was announced last week by Public Safety Director Col. Gene Rabren and Forensic Director Carlos Rabren.

The AVCRT is available primarily to help sheriff and police agencies in 29 counties in central and southeast Alabama by processing violent crime scenes; the team will also respond elsewhere in the state as needed.

Law enforcement officers investigating violent crimes gain essential leads from crime scene evidence, Rabren said. "The program helps fill a great need in Alabama to devote greater resources to locating, recovering, documenting and understanding physical evidence at violent crime scenes," he said.

Rabren said using current scientific information and capabilities in processing crime scenes can make all the difference in solving crimes of violence.

"Forensic investigations begin at the scene," said Rabren, "and violent crime scenes offer the best opportunity to utilize forensic science to help lead the law enforcement investigators to a quick solution."

Law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama are encouraged to request assistance from the AVCRT by contacting the Department of Forensic Sciences at (334)242-2938, or the ABI at

5 percent complete.

The commission should consider funding this market and encourage many businesses and banks to do the same.

According to Webb, the commission had voted to make the "blue book" available to all the commissioners.

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and have sufficient funds remaining to support the "buy out" in Elba.

According to Webb, the decision was made by local authorities to concentrate efforts on obtaining funding for the area.

This system would be used to manage the waters which always accumulate inside the levee, particularly in the southeastern quadrant.

"We are ninety-nine percent sure that the pumping system will be ready in time," he said, and that about twenty percent of the area will be approved for the ten-county area will be spent in Elba on this project."

According to Webb, acquisition programs are being considered for Dale and Geneva counties, and may become realities there. These are being considered because The Riverview Subdivision was one of the areas in Elba being considered.

"For those who may be disappointed about not getting a 'buy out' program locally," said Webb, "Remember that this program is not a panacea (cure) for flooding. It is designed to get people out of unacceptable housing and does not always provide enough money to buy replacement housing elsewhere."

"Proceeds of flood insurance paid and certain FEMA grants are deducted from the assessed values of the homes before homeowners are given the houses proposed for the "buy out" program in Geneva County, for example, will not the homeowners less than \$10,000.00."

In another flood related project, Webb said that the contract to install/repair the dam system (ALERT - Autimatic Local Evaluation in Real Time) in the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Basin is scheduled to be let on August 15, 1995.

The project should be complete and the warning system operational by March of '96.

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